GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN FOREST AND COASTAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for development of tourism in forest and coastal areas of the State ;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The funds released to the State Government for the purpose during the current financial year in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b) and (c): Development of tourism in the country including the State of Maharashtra is a continuous process. Ministry of Tourism provides central financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations on the basis of project proposals prioritised in consultation with them every year. Two proposals for destination development of Kunkeshwar and Integrated development of Travel Circuit, Kolhapur in Maharashtra have been prioritised which includes development of tourism in forest and coastal areas of the State. Project proposals that are complete in all resp-ect, are examined as per guidelines and sanctioned, subject to inter-se-priority and availability of funds under the respective head.

However, during the year 2006-07 Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs.580.38 lakh for development of tourism in the State of Maharashtra for the following projects:

(1) Infrastructure and destination development of Mahabaleshwar (Phase II), District Satara

(2) Celebration of Kalidas Festival

(3) Celebration of Ellora-Aurangabad festival

(4) Feasibility Study for Development of New Mahableshwar Hill Station

(5) Celebration of Elephant festival

(6) Celebration of Chikhaldare festival

(7) Development of IT projects in Maharashtra